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wherein X, Y and Z are selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, C₁-C₃ alkyl group, C₂-C₄ alkanol group, wherein at least one of X, Y or Z is a C₂-C₄ alkanol group bearing at least one hydroxyl group and optionally at least one carboxyl group.

A¹ 2. (Amended) A method according to claim 1, wherein said alkanolamine is selected from the group consisting of ethylaminoethanol, methylaminoethanol, dimethylaminoethanol, isopropanolamine, triethanolamine, isopropanoldimethylamine, ethylethanol-amine, 2-butanolamine, choline and serine.

A² 7. (Amended) A method according to claim 1, wherein the irritating ingredient is selected from a retinoid, benzyol peroxide, alpha - hydroxyacids, salicylic acid, surfactants, soaps, natural plant extracts, sunscreen actives, urea, preservatives.

A³ 12. (Amended) A method according to claim 11, wherein said alkanolamine is selected from the group consisting of ethylaminoethanol, methylaminoethanol, dimethylaminoethanol, isopropanolamine, triethanolamine, isopropanoldimethylamine, ethylethanol-amine, 2-butanolamine, choline and serine.

A⁴ 16. A method according to claim 11, wherein the skin irritating composition comprises an irritant selected from a retinoid, benzyol peroxide, alpha-hydroxyacids, salicylic acid, surfactants, soaps, natural plant extracts, sunscreen actives, urea, and preservatives.